GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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UNUSED AIR STRIP IN MAHARASHTRA
SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of air strips and airports are lying unused in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the period for which they have been lying unused;

(d) whether there is any plan to revive them, and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) & (b) :- Airports Authority of India (AAI)`s airstripslocated in districts of Kolhapur, Sholapur, Akola and at Hadapsar in district Pune in the State of Maharashtra are lying unused by any airline operator.

(c) :- M/s Jet Airways had used Kolhapur airport during theyear 2001. Akola, Hadapsar and Sholapur airports have notbeen used by any airline operator for many years.

(d) & (e) :- These airports are already fit for aircraft operation. No airline has requested AAI for operation oftheir scheduled flights through these airports. Airlines provide air-services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability.